

**Agency Information Collection  
Activities: Proposed Collection:  
Comment Request**

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), Department of Health and Human Services, has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following proposals for the collection of information. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

1. *Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS); *Form No.:* HCFA-R-0004; *Use:* The Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) is a State-operated, Federally mandated computer system used for automated Medicaid claims processing and information retrieval for program management. Data elements represent the Federally imposed recordkeeping requirements of MMIS; *Frequency:* Annually; *Affected Public:* Business or other for profit; State, local, or tribal government; *Number of Respondents:* 50; *Total Annual Responses:* 50; *Total Annual Hours:* 2,206,250.

To request copies of the proposed paperwork collection referenced above, E-mail your request, including your address, to [Paperwork@hcfa.gov](mailto:Paperwork@hcfa.gov), or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections should be sent within 60 days of this notice directly to the HCFA Paperwork Clearance Officer designated at the following address: HCFA, Office of Financial and Human Resources, Management Analysis and Planning Staff, Attention: Linda Mansfield Room C2-26-17, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

Dated: December 17, 1996.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND  
URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-4120-N-03]

**Assessment of the Reasonable  
Revitalization Potential of Certain  
Public Housing Required by Law;  
Amendment to Timeframes**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** On September 26, 1996, the Department published a notice which implements section 202 of the Omnibus Consolidated Rescissions and Appropriations Act of 1996. Section 202 requires PHAs to identify certain distressed public housing developments that will be required to be replaced with tenant-based assistance if they cannot be revitalized by any reasonable means. In that eventuality, households in occupancy would be offered tenant-based or project-based assistance and would be relocated—if sufficient housing will not be maintained, rehabilitated, or replaced on the current site—to other decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing which is, to the maximum extent practicable, housing of their choice. This notice amends the timeframes that the Department set in the September 26, 1996 notice for accomplishing the standards necessary for compliance with section 202. The timeframes are being amended because comments on the September 26, 1996 notice were due by November 25, 1996, and the Department wishes to (1) adequately respond to all comments and (2) give PHAs sufficient time to comply with the Section 202 requirements, including any revisions. PHAs should position themselves to respond in a timely manner by beginning to collect the necessary data. The same data is likely to be required in order to comply with Section 202, regardless of any possible changes to the notice. Except for the amendments to the timeframes made by this notice, all of the requirements of the September 26, 1996 notice continue to be in effect.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 26, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rod Solomon, Senior Director for Policy and Legislation, Public and Indian Housing, Room 4116, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-0713. For hearing or speech impaired persons, this number may be accessed via TTY by contacting the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** General Requirement and Scope

Section 202 of the Omnibus Consolidated Rescissions and Appropriations Act of 1996 (Pub.L. 104-134, 110 STAT. 1321-279, 42 U.S.C. 1437l note) ("OCRA") requires PHAs to identify certain distressed public housing developments that will be required to be addressed. Households in occupancy would be offered tenant-based or project-based assistance (that can include other public housing units) and would be relocated—if sufficient housing will not be maintained, rehabilitated, or replaced on the current site—to other decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing which is, to the maximum extent practicable, housing of their choice. After residents are relocated, the distressed developments (or affected buildings) for which no reasonable means of revitalization exists will be removed from the public housing inventory.

On September 26, 1996, at 61 FR 50632, the Department published a notice to implement section 202 of OCRA. The notice established the standards for conducting the assessments and the conversion plan. It also set forth certain timeframes for meeting those standards. This notice amends the timeframes set in that notice in order to be equitable to all of the housing authorities that will be assessed. The following new deadlines for submissions to HUD field offices, therefore, are scheduled:

Accomplish Standards A to C by  
January 31, 1997

(was December 29, 1996)

Accomplish Standard D by March 31,  
1997

(was December 29, 1996)

Accomplish Standard E by June 30,  
1997

(was February 27, 1997)

Submit conversion plan by September  
26, 1997

(was August 26, 1997)

For clarification of the provision in the September 26, 1996 notice regarding the PHAs' requirement to develop their plans in consultation with affected public housing residents, PHAs should